MEDIA ALERT

City of Memphis Community Centers and Libraries are Ideal Locations for Memphians to Beat the Heat

MEMPHIS, TN (July 20, 2006) Mayor Willie W. Herenton and City of Memphis officials urge citizens who are vulnerable to heat to visit local community centers and libraries to cool off. "The temperature has reached hazardous levels and we citizens to know that during the day, when it's hottest, the community centers and libraries are open and available to them to get out of the heat," Mayor Willie W. Herenton says.

The City of Memphis has 28 community centers, 4 senior centers, the Skinner Center, and 19 public libraries located throughout the city. The facilities are air-conditioned, free and open to the public.

For more information about operating hours and locations, call LINC (the Memphis Public Library and Information Center's community information line) at (901) 415-2700. Or, go online to the City of Memphis Web site at *www.memphistn.gov* or the Library's Web site at *www.memphislibrary.org*.

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